

'I Am Little Mozart,' Says Boy And His Skill Bears Out Word

Morton Sultan
"I am Little Mozart!"
The words came from the mouth of a 4-year-old child, Morton Sultan, of Detroit. The boy was not boasting, he spoke with all the frank enthusiasm of youth. And he has furnished proof by his playing that the words are not empty vanity.

Little Morton astounded leading musicians of Detroit recently by his extraordinary playing from memory. He was "discovered" in a piano playing contest held in Detroit, in which scores of children took part.

The ease with which Morton won his way through the elimination tests has made him a choice for the final honors, which will be decided in August.

Skill Wins Applause
In the trials the boy rambled through children's pieces triumphantly, and brought applause for the skill that he showed in the

play, and actually cried when she at first refused.

Goes to Recitals
His sister was surprised at the ease with which Morton learned the elementary facts of the piano. He was taken to recitals by his mother and sister, and at all times gave the closest attention.

Neither of Morton's parents ever played an instrument, and neither is a vocalist. But the boy's two older brothers and his sister are all musicians, Henry, 12, playing the saxophone; Aron, 9, the cornet; and Lottie, 17, the piano.

Morton has no regard for jazz music. Among the masters, he prefers Mozart and Beethoven. When his parents took him to hear Paderewski play, the boy was enraptured, and has never quit talking about the skill the artist showed.

And oh, yes, Morton likes baseball.

At dinner Sunday at the T. J. Tonkin home on Beacon street were Miss Ruth Tonkin of Bisbee and Miss Johnson of Douglas, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Johnson of South Pasadena.

He sang and played "A Japanese Doll" for the assembled musicians. Now he is learning to play from memory Bach's "Minuet." His teacher, Mrs. Rose Rubinstein, revealed during the recital that the boy can master a piece within two weeks. He practices for one hour each morning and is given lessons for an hour five days a week.

Little Morton's start at the piano parallels that of the great master the boy admires. Mozart, when an infant, absorbed music by listening to the lessons given to his sister, Maria Anna.

When Morton was barely 2 he would sit at his sister's side while she practiced, quietly listening to the music. When she had finished he begged her to show him how to

THE NEXT GREAT BOOM



Judge Scott Will Seek Judge Chair



JUDGE ROBERT H. SCOTT
That Judge Robert H. Scott of the Municipal Court of Los Angeles will be a candidate for the Superior Court this fall was announced today by Geo. W. Neill, chairman of the local committee. Two of the older Superior Court judges are not candidates for reelection at the August primaries, and Judge Scott has the support of the leading members of the bar in seeking one of these positions. The general campaign committee includes former Chief Justice Louis W. Myers of the California Supreme Court; John G. Mott, past president of the Los Angeles Bar Association; former Judge Leslie R. Hewitt, and other prominent lawyers and business men throughout the county.

Judge Scott was elected to the bench four years ago, following an active service of three years as deputy public defender of this county, during which time he personally handled a wide variety of cases and many jury trials in the Superior Court. Prior to his public practice he was engaged in private practice for about five years, except for the period of the war, when he was serving with the Red Cross, and later as an officer in a machine gun detachment. He is a graduate of the University of California.

For many years Judge Scott has been active in civic and church work, and is now a member of the First Baptist Church, of Los Angeles, of the Masonic fraternity, the American Legion, and other orders. A committee is being formed in each community in the county which will conduct an active campaign to assure his election by a substantial majority. Chairman Neill is being assisted by a number of local citizens in the formation of the committee in this district.

Mrs. Bernice McLaughlin of San Pedro was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Haworth. Mrs. McLaughlin will be remembered as Miss Bernice Horan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Chase of Flower street and Mr. and Mrs. Neil McDonald of Long Beach attended the Sunday morning service at Angelus Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reger of San Pedro were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. French of Star street.

Fred Lotstrom of San Pedro was a weekend guest of Edward Kasal, and on Sunday the boys enjoyed a trip to Catalina.

Dinner guests Monday of Mrs. Mary Ann Phillips of Miller street were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips and son, of San Pedro; Gabriel Hedge and Miss Reva Hodge, of Harbor City.



SMOOTH AND SAFE

In spite of all the selfish exactions a true love affair demands, it is well for those intimately concerned in such an association to give thought to that greatest and first of all human laws—self-preservation. I mean to say that a man or woman who sacrifices self-respect and self-dignity for the benefit of another is a plain fool. Harsh words for a nice summer day, but when I hear of some fellow who sacrifices his manly self-respect to the whims and caprices of a foolish or unworthy girl I am impelled to slap him. And when I see some fool woman making a perfect slave, martyr and idiot of herself I wonder if, after all, love and the sacrifices of love are not a little bit beyond intelligent understanding. No man has a right to accept from a woman any sacrifice which compromises her honor and virtue or which necessitates a dishonest or unworthy act. Nor has a woman a right to "run a man ragged," as my kid brother puts it, just because he is so earnestly in love with what he believes to be her. He is willing to make tall sacrifices. While I am thrilled to learn of wild, insane, ungovernable love affairs, I am more satisfied to learn of those in which each of those interested preserve aspects of mutual respect and admiration. Not that they are essential qualities to true love—but they tend to make the way smoother and safer.

Are Folks More Honest? Espee Answer Is Yes

Souvenir hunting among tourists and travelers on the Pacific coast is almost extinct, according to Lawson Overman, district passenger agent of Southern Pacific. Sugar tongs, after-dinner coffee spoons and other items of silver stuff, which a few years ago mysteriously disappeared from the company's dining cars to the tune of nearly \$600 worth a month, now linger to fulfill their full lifetime of useful service. The annual silverware loss has been cut to less than \$1000.

When the souvenir craze was at its height not only spoons, but large articles, as coffee pots and cream pitchers, disappeared daily from dining car tables. "Conscience" silver removed from cars years ago is still being returned to the company at rare intervals.

"As tourist travel has increased the public's moral viewpoint has improved," Overman said. "In the old days people bragged of their souvenir silver conquests; but today they would be ashamed to have such silver in their possession. Waiters no longer need to exercise the vigilance formerly required to safeguard from souvenir addicts the 85,578 pieces of silver in daily use on the company's dining cars. "This change in public sentiment is reflected everywhere. The spirit of vandalism is out of date. In Yosemite National Park it has become possible to remove this season the strong steel fence which formerly guarded the Grizzly Giant, oldest of the big trees, from souvenir hunters," continued Mr. Overman.

PHILOGRAPH

When we lock the workshop door and we hike along the street, we know we are going where are codes of things to eat, and life earned the right to eat, and life seems a happy pome. And we trill a little song what time we hop off for home.

Twice Defeated Water Power Grab Bobs Up Again

Paid solicitors are busy in the larger cities of California importing voters to help put the twice-beaten water and power act on the ballot for the third time. The act has not been changed. It still authorizes bond issues aggregating \$500,000,000 to finance state ventures in the hydro-electric power business, and provides that a direct tax may be levied to make up deficiencies.

As before, the measure appears in the form of a constitutional amendment. Neither courts nor legislature could remedy its defects, and no change could be made except by a state-wide vote on amendments to the amendment.

The act was first presented to the voters in 1922. That year they rejected it by a majority of 853,000. It reappeared again in 1924, and the voters defeated it by 432,000 majority.

While this measure was pending previous to the elections of 1924, it was freely criticized by the press as being a hobby of enthusiasts who wished to experiment on a gigantic scale with public ownership in California, with the taxing powers of the state pledged to make up deficits if necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Athay of San Pedro were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Golding of Almond street.

Mrs. Warren Wolfe of Cherry street is recuperating at her home, after a month's treatment at the Torrance hospital.

Mrs. Emma Ross of Sun street and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ross of Torrance were weekend visitors in Silverado Canyon.

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